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SUBJECT: IRAQI- INDIAN AGREEMENTS

1. INDIAN- IRAQI AGREEMENTS ANNOUNCED APRIL 8 ARE RESULT OF MANY MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS. PUBLICLY, AGREEMENTS PROVIDE FOR JOINT MINISTERIAL LEVEL COMMITTEE; IRAQI SUPPLY OF CRUDE OIL TO INDIA, AND INDIAN ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ FOR TEXTILE FACTORIES, SUGAR MILLS, WATER PUMP FACTORY, AND RAILWAYS. JOINT OIL EXPLORATION VENTURE AGREED TO ONLY IN PRINCIPLE. MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT APPEARS TO BE 50 MILLION DOLLARS IRAQI CREDIT IN FORM OF OIL TO COVER PART OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE COST OF MATHURA REFINERY.

2. ALTHOUGH ACCORDS APPEAR HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO INDIA, WE ASSUME THAT, AS IN PAST, IRAQ CONTINUING TO REQUIRE INDIA TO PAY HARD CURRENCY FOR ALL OIL. FRENCH CHARGE SAILLARD TOLD ME THAT IRAQI ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF HAD SECRETLY VISITED INDIA WITH HAMMADI DELEGATION AND CONCLUDED SOME MILITARY AGREEMENTS. THESE INCLUDED INDIAN COMMITMENTS TO SUPPLY
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IRAQ WITH SPARE PARTS FOR MIG A/ C AND TO TRAIN IRAQI
MILITARY PILOTS. WHILE IT CONCEIVABLE SOVIETS PROMOTING
THIS MILITARY COOPERATION, SAILLARD IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE
IT IS IRAQI ATTEMPT TO LESSEN DEPENDENCE ON USSR AS SOLE
SUPPLIER OF MIG SPARE PARTS AND TRAINING.
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